



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican

Alexandria, Virginia



Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 7:30 p.m.

Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.

Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.

In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked to remain as quiet as possible.

Prelude:

Please stand during silent processional.

Processional Hymn 142 "Lord, who throughout these forty days"

St. Flavian

Opening Acclamation for Lent

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: ***His mercy endures forever.***

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

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Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Kyrie (S96, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Schubert

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near-- a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'

The Word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Silence

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea* (Read responsively by whole verse.)

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever
on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn 658 "As longs the deer for the cooling streams"

Martyrdom

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily: Mr. Sam Sheridan, Seminararian

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent	p. 264
Imposition of Ashes	
Psalm 51 (read in unison)	p. 266
The Litany of Penitence (<i>Please kneel as you are able.</i>)	p. 267
The Absolution	
The Peace	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: “Kyrie” from Luther Mass Stephen Paulus

Kyrie eleison,	Lord have mercy,
Christe eleison,	Christ have mercy,
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.

Presentation Hymn 439 “What wondrous love is this” (verse 1) *Wondrous Love*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

Sanctus S130 (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982) Schubert

The Lord’s Prayer p. 364

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
 Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei S164 (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982) Schubert

All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.
If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy.
For those who are interested in being baptized, please see a member of the clergy.

Communion Anthem: “Do not be afraid” Philip Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name You are mine. When you walk through the waters, I’ll be with you You will never sink beneath the waves When the fire is burning all around you, You will never be consumed by the flames	Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name You are mine. When the fear of loneliness is looming, Then remember I am at your side, When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, Remember you are precious in my eyes Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you
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Music during Communion

Hymn 660 “O Master, let me walk with thee” *Maryton*

Post Communion Prayer p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 411 “O bless the Lord, my soul!” *St. Thomas*

The Dismissal

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Acolyte:* David Stayanoff; *Altar Guild:* Rosi Urbine; *Chalice:* David Stayanoff;
Readers: Chandley McDonald, Jackie Phillips; *Usher:* Tom Brown, Jr.; *Assistant Conductor:* Denise Freeland;
Musician: Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander